

House Resolution 1046

By: Representatives Holt of the 112th and Smith of the 113th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and remembering the life of Jackson Bailey; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, renowned artist Jackson Bailey resided in the City of Rutledge for 34 years
3 prior to his death in July 2004 at the age of 76; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was born in Atlanta on March 21, 1927, and despite being born with anemia
5 and catching pneumonia as an infant, Jackson survived to share his gifts with others; and
- 6 WHEREAS, as a boy, Jackson loved to visit the fire station at the corner of Boulevard and
7 Auburn Avenue in Atlanta, where he played marbles with his childhood friend, Martin
8 Luther King, Jr.; and
- 9 WHEREAS, throughout his artistic career, he developed toys, painted countless works on
10 canvas, and performed designs and illustrations for several publications, gaining a reputation
11 for his uncanny ability to depict movement in a still image; and
- 12 WHEREAS, during his time living in the Rutledge area, Jackson Bailey produced many
13 important and significant works of art, including *The Life of Christ* and the Rutledge city
14 seal; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he has been applauded as an artist who paints "in the language of the people"
16 in recognition of the direct accessibility of his images; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the City of Rutledge is home to the Jackson Bailey Art Center, which draws
18 many admirers of Jackson Bailey's work into Rutledge each year; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Jackson Bailey's legacy has brought honor to the City of Rutledge, the State of
20 Georgia, and the United States.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body honor and remember the life of Jackson Bailey in recognition of
3 his life's work that has inspired countless Georgians and individuals throughout the United
4 States and the world.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Jackson Bailey
7 and the Jackson Bailey Art Center.